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**DETAILED ACTION**

***Election/Restrictions***

1. This application contains claims directed to the following patentably distinct species:

species 1.....figs.1-11,  
species 2.....figs. 12-1,  
species 3.....figs. 15-17,  
species 4.....figs. 18-19,  
species 5.....figs.20-21,  
species 6.....figs. 22-24,  
species 7.....figs. 25-28,  
species 8.....figs. 29-33,  
species 9.....figs. 34-38,  
species 10.....figs. 39-40,  
species 11.....figs.41-42,  
species 12.....fig. 43,  
species 13.....figs.44-45,  
species 14.....fig.46  
species 15.....fig.47.

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Applicant is required under 35 U.S.C. 121 to elect a single disclosed species for prosecution on the merits to which the claims shall be restricted if no generic claim is finally held to be allowable. Currently, no claim is generic.

2. Applicant is advised that a reply to this requirement must include an identification of the species that is elected consonant with this requirement, and a listing of all claims readable thereon, including any claims subsequently added. An argument that a claim is allowable or that all claims are generic is considered nonresponsive unless accompanied by an election.

Upon the allowance of a generic claim, applicant will be entitled to consideration of claims to additional species which depend from or otherwise require all the limitations of an allowable generic claim as provided by 37 CFR 1.141. If claims are added after the election, applicant must indicate which are readable upon the elected species.

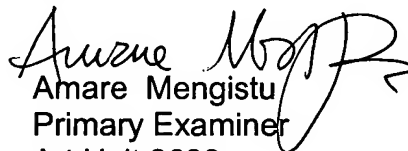
MPEP § 809.02(a).

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Amare Mengistu whose telephone number is (571) 272-7674. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F, M-F.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Sumati Lefkowitz can be reached on (571) 272-3639. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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